

Poster Contest

Fact Sheet

Eligibility

California elementary and middle school students in Kindergarten through 8th grades are eligible to participate in the 12th Annual Safe & Wise Water Ways poster contest.

Awards

One entry from each grade level will be selected to appear on the Department of Boating and Waterways' 2005 boating and aquatic safety calendar. Each winning student will be awarded an education savings bond and a commemorative medallion.

The classmates of each winner also win! Each student in the winner's class will receive an achievement button and a copy of the 2005 calendar.

The winner's teacher is not forgotten either! A gift certificate for educational classroom materials will be awarded to the teacher.

And, finally, each winner's school will receive a framed copy of the 2005 calendar.

Deadline

All entries must be postmarked by Saturday, **October 23, 2004.**

Award Notification

Starting Friday, January 7, 2005, results of the 2005 poster contest will be available to view on the web, **www.BoatSmarter.com**. Results may also be e-mailed to you. If you would like this option, please place your e-mail address on the entry form.

Materials

White paper for background is preferable. Students may use construction paper, plain bond paper, drawing paper, or art board. Crayons, felt pens, colored chalks, paints, water colors and grease pencils may be used. Artwork is not limited to these materials so encourage student creativity.

Submission Requirements

The contest theme is "Safe and Wise Water Ways." Entries must be original and should depict safe boating and aquatic activities.

The back of each entry must **clearly** list the student's name, grade level, school name, and teacher's name. Omission of this information will disqualify an entry.

An entry form must accompany each set of entries. All information requested on the form is important, so please make sure it is accurate. An incomplete or unsigned entry form will disqualify the set of entries. (Photocopied entry forms are acceptable).

All entries become the exclusive property of the California Department of Boating and Waterways. The Department has the right to display or otherwise use the submissions and modify any poster for future reproduction.

The poster entries cannot be returned.

Suggestion: you might want to take pictures of the artwork prior to submission.

If students include written messages in their artwork, encourage them to use clear, bold letters.

Size

Pictures must be no smaller than 8½" x 11" and no larger than 16" x 20".

Mail entries with entry form to:

California Department of
Boating and Waterways
Safe & Wise Water Ways Contest
2000 Evergreen Street, Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95815-3888

